

Okinawa MARINE



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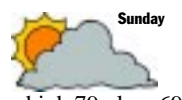
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Riding the waves

4th Marines and their Philippine counterparts, using Amphibious Assault Vehicles, deploy into the beach waters at Ternate beach on April 30. Exercise Balikatan 2001, a combined joint exercise of the Republic of the Philippines and the U.S., is being held in the Philippines from April 27 to May 10.

AAFES implements gas price policy

AIR FORCE MSGT HOWARD SMITH
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUPERINTENDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Yesterday the Army and Air Force Exchange Service implemented a new overseas gas price policy. Under the new policy, the selling prices for gasoline and diesel fuel are established by grade, based on the Department of Energy averages from the previous month and each region's incremental dispensing costs.

The purpose of the new policy is to have a consistent pricing policy and a policy that minimizes big price fluctuations from year to year. Gasoline is priced in the world market daily. As such, having a year-long price is antiquated and simply not realistic. This is the reason for the big fluctuations seen in the past, such as a 42 cent increase last year. The new policy will minimize that effect.

"Though our first price adjustment under this new policy results in a price increase for gasoline, the adjustment for diesel fuel is a reduction," said Air Force Col Les Chang, AAFES Pacific Region commander.

Effective May 10, the gas prices for the remaining month of May will be \$1.76 for mid-grade unleaded and \$1.55 for diesel. The current prices are \$1.62 for gasoline and \$1.58 for

diesel. "The price will be adjusted up or down, on the first of each month hereafter," said Chang.

In the past, each AAFES region, (Pacific and Europe) determined overseas gasoline prices. The price and frequency of change varied between the regions, usually depending on local situations.

Today, with American Forces Network, cable television and the internet keeping people overseas informed of what's happening stateside, customers may expect prices to rise and fall depending on the trend in the states. With that in mind, "AAFES determined that it needed one consistent overseas gasoline pricing policy, to include Europe, that would make these adjustments," said Chang.

"Our most recent price adjustment in October 2000 resulted in a 42 cents increase for gasoline. This new policy should eliminate large fluctuations and provide timely price reductions when possible," said Chang.

"It's important for our customers to know that we strive to provide the best products and services at the best prices possible," said Chang. "We're confident that this new pricing policy will do that by providing more consistent and timely pricing adjustments."

Base liberty busses scarred by vandals

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Vandals defaced a Marine Corps bus here recently during its route between bases. They tore seats and wrote profane language on seats at the rear of the bus.

With every bus that is vandalized and taken out of service, Marines and family members are faced with the possibility of losing intercamp transportation.

Because of the type of vandalism and the time of year, Motor Transport officials said they believe middle school or high school students caused the destruction.

"We have standards," said Thomas L. Ramer, Operations Officer, Marine Corps Base. "When vandalism hits, it makes us fall below our standards."

When vehicles are vandalized, they must be taken out of service for either replacement or repair, according to Ramer.

"We are very limited in the amount of busses we have, and we simply don't have enough," said Maj Danny R. Strand, Motor Transport Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCB.

Busses are used for rifle ranges, unit programs and intercamp shuttles. The first service to lose busses when other requirements arise is the intercamp shuttles, according to Ramer.

"It isn't fair for a Marine to have to walk in the rain around an airstrip. . . . That could take 40 minutes," Ramer said.

Vandalism is a yearly problem, Maj Strand said. To help catch perpetrators, surveillance cameras have been installed in several vehicles. If problems worsen, further actions might be taken, including restricting bus privileges for family members. In worst-case scenarios, family members could be returned to the United States.

"The past problems with vandalism were so serious that students were banned from riding intercamp shuttles," Ramer said. "It is terrible for one or two people to do something wrong and have the masses punished for it."

Although this year's vandalism case appears to be an isolated incident, it is being taken quite seriously.

"If we catch who did the vandalism, action will be taken," Maj Strand said. "The important thing is that restitution be made."

Report traffic violations at 645-7441/7442

III MEF posts sergeant major

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP COURTNEY — The Marines and Sailors of III Marine Expeditionary Force welcomed their new sergeant major in a post and relief ceremony here May 3.

SgtMaj Michael W. McClure replaced SgtMaj Harry E. Brown III, who is retiring after 30 years of service to the Marine Corps.

During the ceremony, SgtMaj McClure told Marines and Sailors what they could expect from him.

"Marines and Sailors of III MEF," SgtMaj McClure said, "the only thing I can promise is that I will give you the very best I can. You'll never get less than 100 percent from me."

According to SgtMaj McClure, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., the Marines and Sailors here warrant this type of commitment.

"You rate and deserve the best," SgtMaj McClure said, "and that's what I will try to do."

SgtMaj McClure comes to III MEF with more than 25 years of experience. He previously served as the sergeant major for 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Having served on both the air and ground sides of the Marine Corps, other highlights of his career include assignments on the drill field and Inspector-Instructor Duty. One of the sergeant major's most impressive accomplishments is the fact that he was meritoriously promoted to every rank from

private first class through gunnery sergeant.

Upon being relieved, SgtMaj Brown expressed his confidence in the future of III MEF under SgtMaj McClure.

"SgtMaj McClure is more than qualified for the job," SgtMaj Brown said. "At least with him in charge, I can sleep at night and not worry about the well-being of the Marines and Sailors of III MEF."

SgtMaj Brown's efforts and dedication to Marines on Okinawa will be missed, but he leaves behind a solid example for others to follow.

"SgtMaj Brown is the primary author of our liberty campaign plan ... a campaign plan to elevate us to the levels of honor, courage and commitment that come with the title U.S. Marine," said LtGen Earl B. Hailston, Commanding General, III MEF, during the ceremony.

"You have been my most trusted advisor," LtGen Hailston said to the sergeant major. "You have led Marines; you have made Marines ... you are the epitome of a Marine. SgtMaj Brown, you will be missed."

SgtMaj Brown said he plans to return to his home state of Texas, but becoming a civilian will

Post and Relief



SgtMaj Michael W. McClure



SgtMaj Harry E. Brown III

SgtMaj Michael W. McClure replaced SgtMaj Harry E. Brown III as the III Marine Expeditionary Force Sergeant Major in a ceremony at Camp Courtney May 3.

take some getting used to.

"The only thing I have done as an adult is be a Marine, so I may have to read some books to see what a civilian does," said SgtMaj Brown during the ceremony. "I'm not going to miss the Marine Corps, I'm going to miss Marines because that's what it's about ... people you can touch, feel, relate to and work with."

Riggers belts not authorized for wear with utility uniform

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — The green Riggers Utility Belt is no longer authorized for optional wear with the utility uniform.

The belt is now the third-level belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, according to a Marine Administrative message released March 23. As of May 1, only those who graduate to the third level of the program can wear the belt.

The program's Martial Arts Belt System uses the existing riggers belt design in five different colors to signify competency levels and create goals.

"The belts were adopted to give the Marines in the martial arts

program a goal to achieve," said MSgt Shane Franklin, Chief Martial Arts Instructor, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division. "It is a symbol of achievement for the Marines who complete the courses."

Although the riggers belt is not authorized for general wear, Marine Corps leaders are encouraging Marines to maintain their green belts in anticipation of qualifying to wear them.

"The Marine Corps is trying to get sergeants and corporals trained as instructors to institute the martial arts program into unit physical training so every Marine can wear the belts," MSgt Franklin said.

The belt system's five basic colors also include the first-level tan belt, second-level gray belt, fourth-level brown belt,

and six degrees of the fifth-level black belt. Each black belt degree is indicated by one red stripe on the belt.

The belts Marine instructors wear have a tan stripe on the particular level's color. For example, a level-three instructor would wear a green belt with a tan stripe. Marines can become instructors at levels three through five.

Gen James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, approved the adoption of the green Riggers Utility Belt into the Martial Arts Belt System Oct. 25. However, the belts have not yet reached many units' supply sections or Military Cash Sales Stores.

"We hope they get here before six weeks, but sometimes it can take eight or nine weeks," said Lillian Rico, Manager, MCSS, Camp Foster, who has listed the price for the belts at \$3.45.

Although the belts will be available at the MCSS and unit supply sections, officials here said they do not expect a rush to get the belts.

"The Marines coming from boot camp are issued the belts upon graduation," MSgt Franklin said. "Also some Marines who have qualified in the program have been issued the belts already."

Implementing the program and getting Marines qualified may take a little time, but the new belt system offers Marines a challenge.

"This was a good idea, especially for the younger Marines," MSgt Franklin said. "It gives them something to go after, like a dive bubble or jump wings."



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Service members start looking for jobs

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Service members, retirees and Status of Forces Agreement members attended a job fair at the Globe and Anchor here recently.

The job fair offered individuals an opportunity to talk with stateside employers to submit resumes, set up interviews and get information. Service members who are leaving the military benefited greatly from the event.

Marines often go to a job fair prior to their Expiration of Active Service and come out knowing they have a job already set up, according to Rich T. Welch, Program Manager, Transition and Employment Assistance Program, Marine Corps Community Services.

"Job fairs give service members a sense of security and prepare them for civilian interviews," Welch said. "It can also make them more competitive with stateside job searchers."

Job fairs not only benefit service members, but also the companies seeking to employ them.

When the companies at the job fair hire military people, their attrition rate goes down, according to Russ Garrison, Program Analyst, TEAP, MCCS. He also said these companies are often pleased with service members' work ethics and performances.

"We like service members in our company because they are friendly, outgoing and hardworking," said Sally L. Hart, National Recruiting Director, Cintas Corporation. "They make good service representatives because they are disciplined enough to be a liaison between the company and our customers."

Military recruiters and representatives from 13 companies attended the

job fair in fields ranging from communication technology to aircraft maintenance.

Some of the companies that attended include Lockheed-Martin, Wisconsin and Kenosha County Job Center, Texas Troops to Teachers and Getronics Government Solutions.

The opportunities and resources available through job fairs give service members more options for their futures.

"I'm out here to expand my options after my military career," said Cpl Ervin C. McSwain, Chief Administrator, Company B, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "I have the option to either reenlist or venture into new avenues."

"This is great for me," said Cpl Joseph Allen, Administration Clerk, H&S Bn, MCB. "I'm getting out in two months and I'm looking for a good-paying job for when I become a civilian."

One company at the job fair that allowed service members to pursue future careers was G.I. JOB.com. This company focuses on submitting service members' resumes to Fortune 500 companies.

"The best thing about the job fair is that (the companies) come to us so we don't have to go to them," said Sgt Jay D. Bodnar, Infantryman, 1st Bn, 5th Marine Regiment.

Job fairs occur once or twice a year and have been happening on Okinawa since 1992. With the success of past job fairs, responses from companies, and support from service members, MCCS plans to continue providing this helpful transitional service.

For transition assistance or more information on future job fairs call the Personal Services Center at 645-3151.

Hansen tries out temp commissary

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — The Camp Courtney Commissary will host a temporary commissary here May 18-20.

Commissary organizers seek to improve service members' quality of life by providing an alternative place to shop and a way to save money.

"We're coming to support the Marines and Sailors on the bases and provide a service where a service is needed," said John Zaher, Store Director, Camp Courtney Commissary. "It's something that should have been done a long time ago."

Zaher said he hopes the temporary commissary is something they can make permanent and that the trial run will prove the need for such an establishment on a full-time basis.

"We hope to be able to support the base on a recurring basis," Zaher said. "If nothing else, this will make visible the need for a commissary at this location."

Commissary officials are very optimistic about the idea.

"Regardless of how well we do financially, it will be a success because before this there was nothing," Zaher said.

Organizers will base the event's success on the number of patrons who participate and the customer and command satisfaction with the event. They will also provide a suggestion box for customer feedback.

While the commissary is not trying to compete with the Hansen Exchange, the goal is to give service members more of what they need.

"We want to provide user-friendly items," Zaher said. "We want to give the option of saving money, as well as (offering) those grab-and-go items that would be conducive to any mission."

Items to be sold include detergent, paper products, deodorants, cleaning items and other things service members use on a regular basis. Commissary officials are making an added effort to provide conveniently sized items.

"It doesn't do any good to sell Marines juices or other drinks by the gallon because it isn't practical," Zaher said. "(People don't) always have a glass at their disposal, and they may want to take these things with them to work or the gym or anywhere else they



PFC DAMIAN MCGEE

Cpl James E. Fraser, Food Service Specialist, Headquarters Battalion Mess Hall, Camp Courtney, his wife, Maybellene, and their 5-month-old son, James, shop at the Courtney Commissary. Service members at Camp Hansen will also be able to buy commissary goods at a temporary commissary there May 18-20. Commissary officials said they hope to provide service members an alternate place to shop and a way to save money.

go. We want to bring those products that make life a little simpler to the Marines."

Those who visit the temporary commissary can also expect a savings of 18 percent.

"Everything is sold at cost, and we're getting some companies to make special offers for this event," said

Carl Chisler, Store Administrator, Courtney Commissary. "We're just doing what we can to satisfy an immediate need."

The commissary is scheduled to take place in Building 2601 and will be open May 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 19-20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New West Pac Lodge to replace Camp Lester's Kuwae Lodge

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CAMP FOSTER — Construction for the new West Pac Lodge is under way and officials say it is scheduled to replace the Kuwae Lodge when completed in the summer of 2002.

Kumagai Gumi, one of the largest contractors in Japan, was originally scheduled to have the \$17 million building complete December 2001.



Emma James

But bad weather caused delays, said Navy LT Renee L. Woodworth, Planning Officer, Facility Engineers, Japanese Facility Improvement Program.

The staff of Kuwae Lodge has eagerly awaited the relocation project.

"We have been planning the new lodge for three years now," said Emma

James, Kuwae Lodge Manager. "We are very excited about the relocation and are ready for a new facility."

The new facility will replace the current 40-year-old building located on Camp Lester, which provides lodging for service members, families and civilians who are awaiting housing or preparing to return to or leave Okinawa.

The new lodge will have 46 suites, 60 queen singles and 30 twin rooms. Along with a queen bed, the suites will have one fold-out sleeper chair and one double futon to comfortably accommodate five guests. The queen singles will sleep three with a sleeper chair and a queen bed. The twin rooms will have two twin beds to sleep two.

"The room alterations will reduce the number of rooms, but will allow us to give our service members bigger rooms while maintaining the current building size," James said.

Interior design will also be new.

"We have implemented a tropical

island design to bring the island atmosphere to the service members," said Jenny Rebman, Assistant Manager, Kuwae Lodge.

The lodge will have new furniture in every room and the lobby. The furnishings will complement the tropical island theme and add to the capacity of the lodge.

"We have increased our per person capacity with the new furniture," James said.

Room accommodations will include off-base telephone access, data ports for Internet connection, and kitchenettes. There will be two elevators, a children's playroom and laundry and trash chutes to simplify daily housekeeping chores. There will also be a small playground for the children.

The lodge will have a gym with some new exercise equipment. There will be no snack bar inside the lodge. Instead, lodge guests will be able to eat at a new dining facility which is scheduled to replace Pizza Inn and will



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Kumagai Gumi, one of the largest contractors in Japan, constructs the new West Pac Lodge located behind the Pizza Inn on Camp Foster and is scheduled to complete the project in the summer of 2002.

be located adjacent to the lodge.

The West Pac Lodge is being built next to the West Pac Inn.

"Our administration section will consolidate with the West Pac Inn to provide a more efficient service," James said. "We will be able to (accommodate) the service members more accurately for maximum efficiency."

Typhoon readiness

Season approaches, individuals should prepare

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Typhoon season is swiftly approaching and promises to chase away the sunny, warm weather people get accustomed to in the summer.

While there is nothing anybody can do to stop the storms from hitting, there are precautions people can take in order to effectively combat their damaging effects.

Typhoons, commonly referred to as hurricanes in the United States, can bring winds stronger than 50 knots and heavy rains. Okinawa happens to be in the area of the world referred to as "Typhoon Alley," where more than 25 typhoons occur on average from July through November.

Only three or four typhoons usually pass close enough to Okinawa each year to be any concern and are concentrated mostly in August and September, according to the weather page of the Kadena Air Base web site, located at <http://weather.kadena.af.mil>. This means people here still have enough time to pick up supplies and make sure they are prepared in case of an emergency.

"Basic items such as batteries, battery-operated radios, first aid kits and canned foods are important to have around the house or barracks," said Jim Maldonado, Deputy Safety Director, Safety Office, Marine Corps Base. "People have to remember they are going to need the kind of emergency supplies that can be used and kept without the use of electricity."

Maldonado also suggests people try to be selective when choosing supplies. For example, flashlights might be a better choice for a light source than candles, which may cause fires.

Another thing people should be aware of is that when the typhoon actually reaches the island, it will most

likely already be too late to make any preparations, according to Air Force TechSgt Christopher L. Parish, Readiness Technician, 18th Combat Engineer Squadron, Kadena Air Base.

"One of the biggest mistakes people make is waiting until TC-1 to try and get supplies," TechSgt Parish said. "Not only are they trying to buy supplies, but so is everyone else on the island. Little does anyone know, the stores are already empty by then, so it's better to prepare early."

Once a typhoon hits the island, people can monitor the severity of the conditions outside.

Typhoon conditions are broadcast throughout the island on Armed Forces Network television and radio stations.

These conditions are very important, since they identify the condition of the storm. However, according to Maldonado, people are not familiar enough with the meaning of these conditions.

"There are people out there who don't even understand what TC-1 stands for," Maldonado said. "These conditions are essential to making it through a typhoon safely, and people need to learn what they mean before the typhoons get here so they can be prepared."

People should also be aware of some common mistakes made when a typhoon occurs, according to TechSgt Parish.

"One of the biggest mistakes people make during a typhoon is going out during the eye of the storm when it is calm," said TechSgt Parish. "They believe everything is clear, head away from shelter and then get hit with the back-end of the storm. To be safe, everyone should adhere to the weather conditions sent out by the weather station and should strictly follow the principles for typhoons set by their commands."

For more information on typhoons call Mr. Maldonado at 645-3806.



COURTESY PHOTO

A cyclone cloud formation appears in the center as a storm builds into a typhoon. As this year's typhoon season begins, personnel are encouraged to take precautions.

Typhoon Conditions

TC-4: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 72 hours. Now is a good time to stock up on supplies.

TC-3: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are expected within 48 hours. Initiate a general cleanup around your home, apartment and office. Pick up loose items, such as toys, garden tools and lawn furniture.

TC-2: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are expected within 12 hours. DoDDS schools will close at this time. Recheck supplies.

TC-1C (Caution): Winds are blowing at 34 to 49 knots and are expected to 50 knots or more within 12 hours. All outdoor activities should be discontinued. The base exchange, commissary and all AAFES facilities will close and all nonmission-essential people should be off the streets.

TC-1E (Emergency): Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring. All outside activities are prohibited.

TC-1R (Recovery): Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are no longer occurring. No outdoor activities authorized other than emergency workers.

TC-SW (Storm Watch): There is still a possibility of danger to personnel due to the storm's unpredictability or from hazards created by previous high winds. Normal activities may resume with caution after two hours.

TC-AC (All Clear): Hazardous conditions and winds are no longer present; however, be alert to possible damage and hazardous conditions on the road.

**Note: The consumption of alcohol by all United States Marine and Navy personnel assigned to Marine Corps activities, DoD civilians employed by the U.S. Marine Corps and their family members is prohibited during TC-1, TC-1C, TC-1E, TC-1R and Storm Watch, according to the Liberty Campaign Policy and Marine Corps Bases Japan Order 1600.1B.*

Typhoon Survival Kit

The following items should be included in a typhoon survival kit:

Bottled water, fire extinguishers, canned foods, flash lights, manual can opener, portable radio, spare batteries, extra medicine, first aid kit, extra pet food, bleach for sanitation and water containers.

Okinawa bases prepare for joint command destructive weather exercise

SGT PAULINE L. FRANKLIN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — United States military installations throughout Japan are preparing for the upcoming typhoon season by participating in a U.S. Forces Japan-sponsored joint command post exercise to test their capabilities during destructive weather.

Commands on Okinawa will participate in Exercise Typhoon Ready 01 May 16-18 to train damage control organizations, validate destructive weather procedures and equipment and support requirements, and inform the public on typhoon season.

"We are going to exercise all the communications between camps and all the parts of our Standard Operating Procedure for destructive weather," said Maj Kenneth G. Thompson, Destructive Weather Officer, Marine Corps Bases Japan. "We are going to stand up our entire damage control organization."

This year's exercise will revolve around fictitious Typhoon Ready, which will approach Okinawa from the southeast heading northwest. After the storm passes through Okinawa May 16-18, the typhoon will continue on a path through Sasebo, Iwakuni, the Kanto Plain and Misawa.

This annual exercise is primarily for those who have key roles in coordinating efforts during typhoons, according to Maj Thompson. However, this year's exercise coordinators are encouraging the camps to get fully involved to test the procedures in place at their level.

There are many things people may not think of that must be coordinated during a typhoon, such as meals for those living in bachelor quarters, getting information to the public about the status of the storm, keeping those who live off base informed of services and storm conditions, and services for those injured during a storm, to name a few. This exercise is meant to test all of these things and more.

In conjunction with the typhoon exercise, coordinators on Okinawa will also work through the procedures in place for tsunamis. This portion of Exercise Typhoon Ready 01 is secondary; however, it is no less important. Exercise participants will be testing and evaluating tsunami warning procedures, tsunami checklists and implementation procedures, as well as increasing public awareness of tsunami threats and how to prepare for a tsunami.

While this exercise is important for those who coordinate efforts during typhoons and possible tsunamis, Maj Thompson said he expects the Marine Corps' portion of the exercise on Okinawa to occur without interrupting people's daily routines.

"Our intent is to not interfere with routine, day-to-day business," said Maj Thompson. "There will not be any restriction on access to Marine bases, changes to threat condition levels, closures of facilities on base, or anything else that should impact the general public."



NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for April 30 - May 5.

• Underage drinking

A lance corporal with 3d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months.

A lance corporal with H&S Bn, MCB, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 per month for one month and restriction for seven days.

A corporal with H&S Bn, MCB, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of purchasing alcohol for and underage Marine. Punishment: forfeiture of \$350 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.



TMO TIPS

The following are tips from the Traffic Management Office to help personnel move their belongings with less difficulty. For more information contact the local Traffic Management Office or GySgt Quirindongo at 645-0966.

- Contact the local Traffic Management Office immediately upon receipt of orders to arrange all personal property moves. TMO can book shipments 3-4 months in advance. Service members must have six copies of Permanent Change of Station orders for each shipment. Contact one of the following offices for assistance: Camp Foster, Bldg 5636 at 645-7105 or 645-0922; Camp Hansen, Bldg 2137 at 623-4337; Camp Courtney, Bldg 4311 at 622-7561; or Camp Kinser, Bldg 100 at 637-1908.

Newly arrived personnel need to contact one of the above numbers to provide an address and local phone number so TMO can inform them when their personal property arrives.

- May 1, 2000, propane tanks became an unauthorized item for shipment or storage in personal property. This includes never-used, boxed propane tanks. If an item is unauthorized for shipment, the government will not reimburse the member for shipping it, regardless of how it was shipped.

- Personnel who receive their orders on short notice may bring their personal property with six copies of their orders to the Camp Foster Traffic Management Office in Building 5636 or the Camp Hansen TMO office in Building 2137 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for shipment to their next duty station. Service members doing a Permanent Change of Station W-95 must take a copy of Page 4 from their Service Record Book, to verify their Home of Record, and six copies of their orders to TMO. Personnel there will arrange to have a carrier move the member's shipments from either location.

- Personnel are reminded that a Power of Attorney or Letter of Authorization is required to arrange Personal Property moves when the property is not in their name. This document must be provided to TMO.



LCPL JOSH P. VIERELA

Devil Dog

A bulldog named Suzy Q became Pvt Suzy Q May 3 in front of Barracks 473 on Camp Foster during her enlistment ceremony as Headquarters and Service Battalion's mascot for Marine Corps Base. Col Paul J Pisano, Commanding Officer, H&S Bn, MCB, read Pvt Q's enlistment oath. "Having a mascot creates more of a family atmosphere," said 1stSgt Darryl Chapman, Company First Sergeant, Company B, H&S Bn, MCB. "She already knows some tricks, like how to go to the door to go potty."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Road Tax Due

Phase II has begun for service members to pay their annual Japanese Road Tax. Tax collection sites will be available on seven military locations. All taxes must be paid in yen.

Military Police at the tax payment locations will verify a valid Japanese title, military registration and 2001 road tax receipt before the old road tax sticker is replaced.

Phase II tax rates are:

Passenger cars, vans and trucks with category license 44, 400, 51-59, 77, 78, 500, and 501 with engine displacements between 660cc and 2,000cc pay ¥7,500.

Passenger cars with license 33 and 300 with engine displacements between 2,000cc and 4,500cc pay ¥19,000 and cars in excess of 4,500cc pay ¥22,000.

Special-use vehicles with category license 11, 100, 88, and 800 pay ¥32,000

Payment location dates and times:

Today

Keystone Theater; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May 14-15

Kinser Theater; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May 16-18, 21-25

Foster Field House; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May 29

Hansen Theater; 9:30 a.m. to noon, 1-3:30 p.m.

May 30-31

Torii Station Gym; 9:30 a.m. to noon, 1-3:30 p.m.

Questions concerning the tax collection may be directed to the Joint Forces Vehicle Registration Office at 645-7481/3963.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The Okinawa chapter of the Retired Officers Association and 3d Materiel Readiness Battalion are sponsoring a Memorial Day ceremony May 28 at 9 a.m. at the International Cemetery in Naha.

The event is open to the public, please wear appropriate civilian attire. The uniform for active duty military is the Service C or equivalent.

For more information call MGySgt Trigilia at 637-3705.

Marine Corps University

The Marine Corps University is now taking early enrollments for the 2001-2002 academic year, which is scheduled to begin in October.

For more information call Mr. Hopkins or Ms. Eisenmann at 645-2230.

Asian Pacific Heritage

The Hawaiian music group "Hapa" will be performing live in concert during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration May 20 at Marek Park on Kadena Air Base. The celebration is open to all ages and will be held outdoors from 1 to 7 p.m.

There will be rides, games, food, and live entertainment.

For more information call 634-7896.

Bench Press Competition

The Risner Fitness Complex on Kadena Air Base is hosting a May Fitness Month Bench Press Competition Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Risner main gym. Participants compete in a ratio of weight lifted against their body weight. Participants must register by 4:30 p.m. today.

For more information call 634-4443.

Backyard Barbecue

The Futenma USO will be hosting a backyard barbecue May 19. Those attending should bring their own lawn chairs and coolers. Food will be supplied, along with DJ music, volleyball, horseshoes and prizes. This event is open to all DoD personnel.

For more information call USO Marketing at 633-4510.

To submit a brief ...

For more information call 634-4443. The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs for non-profit organizations and groups only and they are run on a space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for submitting briefs is noon every Friday and the Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material to fit space.

HARD KNOCKS



SGTMAJ STEPHEN H. MELLINGER
MARINE FORCES PACIFIC SERGEANT MAJOR

Have you ever wondered why people choose to learn life's most valuable lessons the hard way? Most of us insist on enrolling in the school of hard knocks instead of relying on the wisdom of others who know what's best for us.

As a youngster growing up on a farm, I didn't accept my buddy's wisdom concerning electric fences. He and I were playing in the field when I had to relieve myself. He noticed that I was taking aim at the strand of wire of an electric fence. "Steve," he said, "You really don't want to do that. The electricity will travel from the wire to you and shock the heck out of you!"

Call me stubborn (or stupid), but I didn't heed his advice. After all, who died and made him the "electrical expert?" So without hesitation I took aim and let it fly. Big mistake.

It was several minutes before my eyes refocused and I was able to pick myself up off of the ground. Now that's truly a school of hard knocks lesson that I will never forget.

There's one of life's lessons that too many Marines seem to want to learn the hard way. It concerns the combination of driving and drinking.

In the first quarter of this year eight Marines lost their lives needlessly in vehicle accidents. Alcohol was

a contributing factor in most of those fatalities.

How tragic it is that each year the Corps loses so many outstanding Marines because they chose the school of hard knocks to learn not to drink and drive. And I'm not just speaking about losing them to death or serious injuries that end their careers.

I'm also referring to those decent Marines with outstanding service records and many with great families who learn the hard way that a DUI can end their military career.

What happens to families when the military members (financial providers) receive a DUI? First, they stand to lose money from a stripe or two being taken away. Next, will their budget afford an insurance premium increase of up to several thousand dollars per year? Possible suspended driving privileges for a year is another great hardship thrust onto their families. For those of you who don't believe it'll never happen to you, read on.

There was a staff sergeant stationed on Okinawa on an accompanied tour. He had a wife and four children, coached children's sports, was active in the church and, in short, was a role model in every way.

He was attending his SNCO Academy's Mess Night (Camp Hansen club) one day prior to him being graduated as NUMBER ONE in his class.

As a rule he never drank, but (peer pressure) he did this night. Only five beers did he have, but he carried his last one into his vehicle to drive back to his barracks (just three blocks away) from the SNCO club.

A military policeman on patrol observed him getting into his vehicle with an open beer bottle and driving out of the parking lot. The rest, as we say, is history!

He was charged with DUI and dropped from the SNCO Academy (one day before graduating as "honor man") with a double-signed fitness report. His driv-

ing privileges were revoked for one year (his wife didn't drive). Last, but not least, he "was" selected for gunnery sergeant on that year's board.

He had planned to make the Corps a 30-year career. However, because of this offense his promotion to gunny was denied and he was forced to retire as a staff sergeant with 20 years of service.

Using a hypothetical 30-year formula from the time of his retirement (the date of his retirement was changed to Dec. 31, 2000, to keep the tracking for you simple. Also, I'm not including any BAH, BAS, etc. in any of my computations), you can see what the DUI ultimately cost him and his family.

He was forced to retire on Dec. 31, 2000. His promotion to gunny would have been Jan. 1, 2001. The now-retired staff sergeant, let's say, has a life expectancy of approximately 30 years (2031).

The staff sergeant will receive a monthly check for the next 30 years at the rate of 50 percent of his base salary at time of retirement. Using only our current pay scale he would receive a yearly retirement salary of \$14,207.40. He would earn \$426,222 over the next 30 years.

Let's say that if he had not received the DUI he would have been promoted to the rank of gunny Jan. 1, 2001, first sergeant on Jan. 1, 2004 and sergeant major on Jan. 1, 2007. For his next four years (sergeant major over 26 years active service) he earns a total of \$194,918.40 (yearly base salary of \$48,729.60).

Now, totaling up 20 years of sergeant's major retirement earnings (based on 75 percent of \$4,060 base pay) it comes to \$730,944.

That one DUI cost that Marine and his family a minimum of three-quarters of a million dollars. That school of hard knocks lesson has to hurt even worse than an electric fence experience. Think about that the next time you want to drink and drive.

What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil

Confronting issues

You're a corporal stationed aboard Camp Foster. It is Saturday afternoon and you decide to go to the food court at the exchange to get something to eat. As you get in line you notice a guy in front of you wearing a tank top.

You approach him and ask if he is aware of the liberty attire policy. He responds that he is in the Air Force at Kadena Air Base. You then explain the appropriate standards of dress for use of facilities aboard the Marine Corps base. He says he didn't know but that it won't happen again. He says he will get his food and leave. You return to your place in line.

After you get back in line you see his buddy wander over. He tells his buddy what happened. His buddy starts mouthing off and being belligerent. He says, "We're in the Air Force, we don't have to change to please anyone. If it were me I would tell him to pound sand." What do you do?

What the Marines said

Sergeant with III MEF: First of all, you have to identify yourself to the original person who you were talking to and get his name, rank and service. If anything happens after that, disrespect, etc., that you cannot handle, you inform them you are going to call the camp duty officer/PMO. Immediately have the airmen wait until the duty personnel arrive and let the duty personnel deal with the airmen. If they depart the area, get the license plate

number and color, etc. and pursue to locate their command.

Corporal with MCB: Using as much tact in my body as possible, I would approach the subject and remind each of them as long as they are on a Marine Corps installation, they will abide by Marine Corps rules and regulations.

Corporal with 1st MAW: Ignorance is bliss. Obviously they can't seem to comprehend and follow regulations, so I probably would have ignored those individuals and continued with my chow.

Sergeant with 1st MAW: I would ask both of them to step outside to have a word and tell them that as long as they are in the service they have to abide by the rules and regulations. Marines abide by Kadena Air Base rules, and airmen and all other service members should abide by each others' rules. Since the buddy was belligerent to begin with, I would tactfully reminded them that regardless of rank or service, he can still be charged under the UCMJ.

What the Chaplain said

Appropriate and modest attire must be worn at all times aboard all the Marine Corps Bases in Okinawa. We all are ambassadors of the United States military in Okinawa. Our dress on or off base is a reflection and image of our association with the U.S. military. Ensure that every service member understands the liberty attire policy on board Marine Corps Bases.

One must be polite but firm when approaching and reminding a person regarding liberty attire policy. Broadly speaking, the airmen are guests aboard Marine Corps Base, home of the Marines. Likewise, Marines are guests when they visit Kadena Air Base. It is a common courtesy for guests to follow the rules and regulations of the hosts.

If any service member continues to be disrespectful after being reminded of the policies, one should immediately notify PMO, as mentioned by the III MEF Sergeant. I also agree with the 1st MAW sergeant that being belligerent and disrespectful toward a fellow service member is a violation of the UCMJ.

- Navy LT Hussain Shaikh, Chaplain, H&HS, MCAS Futenma



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Jane Wayne Day Survivors

Story and photos by LCpl Josh P. Vierela

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Spouses of Marines serving with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and 3d Marine Division took the challenge to be Marines for a day recently.

Eighteen wives participated in the first Jane Wayne Day sponsored by Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1.

"The purpose of the event was to provide spouses an opportunity to meet one another and to share in camaraderie and fun for a day," said Maj Jeffery E. Gamber, Executive Officer, MWHS-1, 1st MAW.

The spouses' day began just as most Marines' days start ... with the daily seven.

GySgt Jannifer R. Long, Career Planner, MWHS-1, and GySgt Chauncelor Howell, Squadron Gunnery Sergeant, MWHS-1, led the physical training. The two former drill instructors gave the spouses briefs on the proper way to execute the position of attention and how to perform the exercises.

"Jane Wayne Day is about giving spouses a feel of what their husbands go through," GySgt Howell said.

The day continued when all the wives were brought to the Obstacle Course. Spouses were encouraged to try every obstacle, but were allowed to skip those they felt might be too difficult.

"With practice I would improve. ... I only fell on my face once," joked LaVesca Love-Moore. "I thought it was very challenging."

Despite being one of the spouses' more physically challenging events of the day, most of them viewed the course as a positive experience.

"I'd do it every day," said Sonya Rodriguez. However, no one raised a hand after GySgt Grant asked who would like to go through it again.

After the O-Course, the spouses were invited to compete against each other in an Oohrah contest, where spouses were pitted against each other to see who had the loudest war cry. The competition was tight, but in the end the loudest, most motivating Marine Corps-style grunt came from Donna James.

"I pulled my motivation from when I used to be in the Navy," James said.

Following the contest, spouses separated into six teams of three to

navigate an Orienteering Course. The course, which is similar to a land navigation course, sent the teams around several buildings on Futenma. Scheduled to last 50 minutes, the first team crossed the finish line in approximately 13 minutes. Everyone finished under the allotted time, and both the wives and their husbands were happy that Jane Wayne Day was progressing so well.

"I'm excited that the wives get a chance to experience what we have gone through," said Capt Paul Pinaud, Aviation Safety Officer, MWHS-1.

After the Orienteering Course spouses were treated to an authentic Marine Corps lunch, which featured a variety of Meals, Ready-to-Eat, such as grilled chicken, ham slices and tuna with noodles.

"The MREs are pretty good," said Miriam J. Grant. "I didn't like how they all came in those packages though."

When the motivating chow was over, the spouses went to the flight line on Futenma where they checked out the inside of some Marine Corps helicopters, such as AH-1W Super Cobras, UH-1N Hueys, and CH-53E Super Stallions.

Following the helicopter displays, the spouses traveled to Camp Foster where they had an opportunity to fire some of the same weapons their husbands handle at the MWHS-1 Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Training unit.

In a Desert Storm simulation the wives fired a Squad Automatic Weapon, an M-203 grenade launcher and an M-16A2 service rifle.

Jane Wayne Day concluded when the spouses were allowed to try on the same gear some of their husbands might wear, including full packs and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical gear.

"I thought it was fun, but I'm sore already," said Gina R. Watts. "After participating in Jane Wayne Day, I now have a lot more respect for my husband, as well as other Marines."

For MWHS-1 and the spouses, Jane Wayne Day proved to be a success. Because of the turnout and the fun everyone had participating in the event, Jane Wayne Day should become an annual event, according to Maj Gamber.

"It has been a fun experience, and I'm glad to have done it," said Larissa R. Traquair. "I will probably do it again next year."



Kim B. Woody tries on a Kevlar helmet.



Larissa R. Traquair hangs tight as she tries to roll over the log on the Obstacle Course during MWHS-1's Jane Wayne Day. She and her husband, Capt Paul Pinaud, both enjoyed the course with enthusiasm.



Spouses experience the motto "Pain is weakness leaving the body" firsthand during MWHS-1's Jane Wayne Day.



MWHS-1's first Jane Wayne Day at MCAS Futenma. The course was one of the women's more challenging events of the day.



Two former drill instructors led the group in the daily seven exercises.



first Jane Wayne Day.



Maria Fleming pours water into Karin Pinaud's Meal Ready-to-Eat heater while her husband, Capt Paul Pinaud, supervises during MWHS-1's Jane Wayne Day.

Mr. Fight Night brings fights to Okinawa bases

LCPL KENNETH L. HINSON
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Eddie Erazo is no stranger to fighting.

His love for fighting and competition has inspired him to promote martial arts on Okinawa.

The name "Mr. Fight Night" has become a nickname for Erazo because of the variety of fighters he brings to Okinawa, including kickboxers, karate champions, wrestlers and even ultimate fighting champions.

"When I hear people ask for 'Mr. Fight Night,' I know who they are talking about," Erazo said. "Since my shows have a variety of styles and levels of competition, it's easier for people to associate me with that name."

Erazo worked two years with a friend who promoted fights in Japan before taking on the task of bringing competition to Okinawa. No one had ever brought contact events to area bases and he felt if he didn't, then no one would.

"Marines stationed here need entertainment mixed with the excitement of competition," Erazo said. "I'm here to make sure they receive entertainment that will leave them wanting more."

Erazo's first attempt at promoting an event here was a success when he held a fight night at Torii Station last year. With a turnout of 300 spectators, he received his first taste of how excited Marines were to have competition on Okinawa. This made Erazo want to continue bringing fights to Okinawa bases.

Erazo said he loves seeing the crowd riled up as competitors make their way to the ring.

"The night of the show, it all seems worthwhile when you see the crowd yelling and chanting for more," Erazo said. "When the crowd goes crazy with enjoyment, you know you have pleased them."

It takes three months of preparation for Erazo to arrange an event.

The first month he contacts sponsors, sets up a budget and looks for a location for the event. The second month Erazo contacts and books fighters and arranges the matches. The final month before the event, he arranges hotels and prepares the location.

The last month is normally the toughest because all the schedules, dates and times have to be right, according to Erazo. With competitors coming from around the globe he can't afford to have anything go wrong.

Even though he is a promoter, Erazo is no stranger to the martial arts. At age 10, he began training in karate and kickboxing. During his school years, he spent his summers with an Okinawan family while he studied karate. He soon began competing in various tournaments and competitions.

Erazo carried what he learned with him when he joined the Marine Corps in 1987. As a prize for winning a karate tournament, he received a Marine Corps jacket donated by a local recruiter. When word got back to the recruiter, he approached Erazo about joining the Corps. Erazo agreed when



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Eddie Erazo, "Mr. Fight Night," brings kickboxers, karate champions and wrestlers from around the globe to compete on Okinawa bases.

he found out he could travel to Okinawa to serve with the Corps.

"As a Marine, I wanted to return to Okinawa because of the martial arts and training I received there earlier in my life," he said. "I was sold when I found out I could go."

While serving on active duty, Erazo joined the professional karate circuit in 1994. He also started teaching karate at the base Boys and Girls Club to give back to the youth what he had learned.

Erazo's achievements include California State and Florida Weapons Champion and Battle of Atlanta Men's Full Contact Fighting Champion.

The former world karate champion still serves part-time in the Marine Corps Reserve. At his daily job, he works as an Information Systems Coordinator with Headquarters and Ser-

vice Battalion, Marine Corps Base. He conducts training and records rifle, pistol, physical fitness tests and basic skills tests for Marines.

"Aside from my job in the Marine Corps, I'm here with a goal to provide Marines as much entertainment as possible," Erazo said. "I'm starting to see a demand for the shows, and that makes me want to continue promoting."

Erazo said he would not be able to bring events to Okinawa without the many people and organizations on base who support him.

He now has plans for back-to-back fight nights June 15 and 16 featuring Ultimate Fighting Champion Dan "the Beast" Severn, who will defend one of his titles.

For more information on upcoming events contact Eddie Erazo at 645-0476.

Customs personnel deter contraband items during travel

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP BUTLER — A small group of personnel at the Provost Marshal's Office here ensure service members, their families and Department of Defense employees don't bring contraband items into Japan.

One DoD civilian and his staff of three Marines at the Military Customs Office are responsible for screening personnel and their gear as they enter the country via Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, White Beach, Kadena-5 Right Terminal and Naha Port.

"We do random physical searches for prohibited and restricted items," said Stanley J. Warnock, Customs Supervisor, PMO, Marine Corps Base. "We also use our trained dogs to check all incoming gear for drugs and explosives."

The Military Customs personnel seize an average of 330 prohibited and restricted items each month, according to Warnock.

Prohibited items include controlled substances, pornographic materials, switch blades and butterfly knives, handguns, explosives and flammables, and items produced under forced labor conditions to name a few, according to Warnock.

"When we confiscate prohibited items, we have a couple of options of how we deal with them," Warnock

said. "If the items are illegal drugs, for example, they are turned over to the Japanese Customs to be destroyed and appropriate action will be taken against the individuals involved. For seized prohibited weapons, some are given the opportunity to ship the items back to the States, depending on the situation. If they don't make necessary arrangements, they will be turned over to Japanese Customs to be destroyed."

In most cases, the penalty for bringing prohibited items into Japan is the loss of the item, but under Japan's Penal Code, fines and jail time can also be assessed.

"Confiscated pornographic materials are all turned over to Japanese Customs to be destroyed," Warnock said.

Restricted items include rifles, shotguns, knives of the pocket or sheath variety with blades longer than 2-3/8 inches, bows, spearguns and replica firearms, according to Warnock.

"When we confiscate restricted items, we attach a tag

with the individuals information and put it in our storage facility for 30 days," Warnock said. "During that 30 days, the individual needs to complete the proper request forms to keep the weapon. The form must be signed by the person's commanding officer, who will be responsible for providing storage space within the unit's armory.



SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS

Military Customs personnel confiscate prohibited and restricted weapons when found coming into Okinawa. They seize an average of 330 prohibited items each month.

"If for some reason the CO will not authorize the item, the individual will be given a chance to make arrangements to send it back to the States," he said. "If those arrangements are not made, we will turn the item over to Japanese Customs to be destroyed."

Another concern for the Military Customs Office is the importing of agricultural items. Generally, people don't bring in items under this category, but due to the availability of foreign-made wood products produced in this theater, it is a concern, according to Warnock.

"We strongly recommend that each individual ensure that all wood products, especially wooden plaques and name plates, are treated and infestation free," Warnock said. "Make sure you examine your items closely to check for bug holes and ensure your items are completely sealed with some sort of wood treatment."

If wood items have bug holes and aren't treated, customs personnel will confiscate the items. If Japanese Customs decides the products aren't infested or can be treated so any infestation can be destroyed, the items are returned, according to Warnock.

Military Customs Office personnel also clear Unit Deployment Program units through U.S. Customs before they return to the States.

Whether inspecting items for Japanese or U.S. Customs, Military Customs Office personnel take their jobs very seriously, according to Warnock.

"Whether you're arriving on or departing the island, we will do our best to accommodate you," Warnock said. "We will go as fast as we can, but we have a job to do and we have to be very thorough while doing it."



PO2 Carlos F. Enriquez, Corpsman, HQ Bn, 3d MarDiv, looks in the sights of an M-198 155 mm Howitzer during the Chaplain Assistant Training Course. Though the class was geared to chaplains and Religious Program Specialists, a few corpsmen attended as the information was useful to them as well, according to Seaman Joshua M. Blair, Event Organizer.

Marines train chaplain assistants to be **Combat ready RPs**

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS
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CAMP HANSEN — Navy, Air Force and Army chaplains and Religious Program Specialists from around the island came together recently to learn how to survive in a combat situation during a Chaplain Assistant Training Course.

The training, hosted by 12th Marine Regiment, familiarized the students with the equipment and procedures used within the regiment during combat.

"It's important for us to know how to protect ourselves and our chaplains in combat," said Navy Seaman Joshua M. Blair, Religious Program Specialist, 12th Marines, who helped organize the event.

"We have to be familiar with the equipment Marines use and the procedures for using them properly in case we are ever caught in combat. Most people don't really understand what an RP does and that part of our job is to protect the chaplain."

Participants received classes on the M-198 155 mm Howitzer, automatic weapons, the M-16A2 service rifle, M-203 grenade launcher and M-9 pistol. The classes covered operation and maintenance of the weapons, including how to call for fire support from an artillery battery.

"All the artillery information was new to those of us in the Air Force," said Air Force Maj Thomas A. Pfaff, Chaplain, Kadena Air Base. "The information is extremely useful and interesting for us. Just because we are in the Air Force, doesn't mean there won't ever be a situation where we would be with Marines. You never know what could happen in a combat environment."

After learning the proper way to call for fire, the students received a class on the SINCGARS Radio, the same ones they would use in a combat situation.

"It's important to learn how to communicate in the field," said Navy PO1 Jason E. Zaun, Religious Program Specialist, Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division. "Learning the SINCGARS Radio is something I've never done before, but I've always wanted to."

Another aspect of the RP's job is providing emergency medical treatment in the field, and they receive extensive training as they progress through the ranks, according to Seaman Blair. To give the class participants a taste of what they may face in a combat situation, corpsmen demonstrated a medical evacuation scenario with a gun crew from Battery S, 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, who are attached to 12th Marines while participating in the Unit Deployment Program.

"The medical evacuation scenario was very well done," Maj Pfaff said. "It was carried out with a sense of urgency like it was the real thing. It truly gave us an idea of what it might be like in a combat situation."

Not only was the one-day course informative and educational, it also served to build camaraderie between the chaplains and RPs, according to PO1 Zaun.

"It was nice to get together with our sister services," PO1 Zaun said. "We do pretty much the same thing; we just wear different uniforms while doing it. This class served two purposes — it taught us things necessary to carry out our jobs and it helped to create a fellowship among our community."



LCpl Kurt R. Majors (right), Armorer, Battery C, 1/12, demonstrates how to load dummy rounds in the .50 Caliber machine gun to PO3 George Herrera, Corpsman, 3d MarDiv Surgeon's Office.



PO3 Ryan C. McMillen (left), Corpsman, 3/12, and LCpl Sean M. Douglas, Wireman, Battery S, 3/11, administer first aid to mock victim LCpl William L. Truett, Artilleryman, Battery S, 3/11, during a medical evacuation demonstration for the Chaplain Assistant Training Course students.

Clean beach

Marines, Sailors volunteer time to pick up trash at public beach

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NAGO — Camp Schwab Marines and Sailors reached out to nearby communities recently as they continued their efforts to clean Nago Public Beach.

Twenty-seven volunteers from Company K, 3d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, attached to 3d Marine Division while participating in the Unit Deployment Program, visited the public beach for the second time in eight days to pick up trash and help preserve the environment.

"3/7 Marines are really taking an active role in the surrounding communities," said Fumio Iha, Community Relations Specialist, Camp Schwab. "They have adopted many local organizations and are doing a great deal to keep the Nago Public Beach a beautiful place to go."

The volunteers spent two hours combing the beach and shoreline, finding everything from aluminum cans to truck tires. Even though they had to fight their way through thorns and dense vegetation on the shoreline, volunteers were glad to do their part for the community, according to 2ndLt Brian J. Curtis, Platoon Commander, Co K, 3/7.

"We don't live here all the time, but while we're here, it's important for us to do our part in the community," 2ndLt Curtis said. "These volunteers, through their hard work, are showing that we truly care about what happens here."

Though the work was tough and they were surprised at what trash was found, volunteers were enthusiastic about what they were doing, according to Cpl Salvador Orozco, Mortarman, Weapons Plt, Co K, 3/7.

"I was really surprised to find car batteries and tires around the beach," Cpl Orozco said. "But it feels great knowing what we've accomplished here today. We've gotten to see a little bit of Okinawa, helped to build better relations with the community, and made an already beautiful place even better. I'd volunteer for this again in a heartbeat."



LCpl Jason L. Simon, Infantryman, Co K, 3/7, empties water out of a container he found on the ground before placing it in a trash bag while cleaning Nago Public Beach.

SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS

Marines, firefighters schooled at ground golf

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP SCHWAB — Marines joined Okinawan firefighters from around the island here recently to participate in a Japanese game of ground golf.

The game has only been around 15 years. For the Marines and Okinawans, it was a new experience.

"Both groups are experiencing something new today," said Fumio Iha, Camp Schwab Community Relations Specialist. "It's a new game for the Marines and it's the first time the Japanese have been able to come and play on the camp."

While the surface on the camp's parade field wasn't flat with a predictable terrain, it provided the perfect setting for the game.

"Playing on a field like this is perfect for the game ... it makes it more fun," Iha said. "You can't just go out there and hit it and know where it's going to go. It's almost like an

obstacle course when you consider that you could hit a ball perfectly straight and as soon as it hits a rock or some dirt, it is going to go in a completely different direction."

Ground golf is a game the Japanese invented that mixes the skill and technique of golf with the accuracy of croquet.

Players go through three rounds of play, each with nine holes. The holes are marked much like those on a golf course, with raised posts waving numbered flags to mark each hole. Instead of the holes being dug into the ground, the posts sit on top of the ground so the ball can hit it.

For many Marines — even some who knew golf fairly well — the ground golf wasn't as easy as it looked.

"This is definitely not golfing," said Cpl David N. Vaught, Administration Clerk, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division, who was awarded for being one of the top five players of the day. "It is not as easy as golf where

you have a flat surface and you can judge your distance and power."

The Marines had two teams in the competition. One placed in the top five teams competing.

Although the participants said they enjoyed the game, there were a few things they would have done differently to make it even better.

"I wish we could mix the teams up and get to play with the Okinawans," Cpl Vaught said. "It would give us more of a chance to interact with them."

The Okinawans presented the Marines with just such an opportunity when they invited them to a Henoko restaurant for a meal and an awards presentation. The Marines gladly accepted.

"This was one of the best parts of the day," Cpl Vaught said. "When you think about it, we're in their territory and they always get to see what we do. This time we're going to go and see what they do and learn more about them."



LCpl German M. Bayasramirez prepares to take a shot for the hole in ground golf.

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE

Exiles fall short of rugby victory

LCPL KEITH R. MEIKLE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — The Koza Rugby Football Club defeated the Exiles RFC 12-10 here during a recent Okinawa Rugby Football Union game.

The Japanese Koza club, ranked first on Okinawa, improved its record to 2-0, while the third place American Exiles team fell to 0-2.

The Exiles had a "stay close" game plan for the first half against the talented Koza club.

"Last year, this team beat us 56-5," said Blain Morgan, Scrum Half, Exiles. "So we just wanted to stay close the first half until we got the wind to our advantage in the second."

They did exactly that. After one 30-minute half the Exiles only trailed 5-0.

The Exiles tried to turn up the heat in the second half with an early score when Morgan completed a 70-meter drive with a three-meter run for the try. Tim Fox, Inside Center, Exiles, kicked the conversion wide left to leave the game tied at 5-5.

The Exiles' defensive skills shined throughout the second half, as it did not allow Koza to score until late in the game.

Koza capped a 50-meter drive with a two-meter run to capture a 12-5 lead late in the second half.

"We are all right," Fox said, following the Koza try and conversion. "We're going to score a try right here and get the conversion and get right back in it! Let's go Exiles!"

With that motivation, Fox came through with his promise as he scampered more than 50 meters down the field for the try as time expired.

The Exiles then had one minute to kick for the conversion, but when the Exiles called for the tee the referee did not know where it was. This forced the Exiles to rush the kick and ultimately miss the conversion to collect the loss.

"I was rushed on the kick and just missed it,"

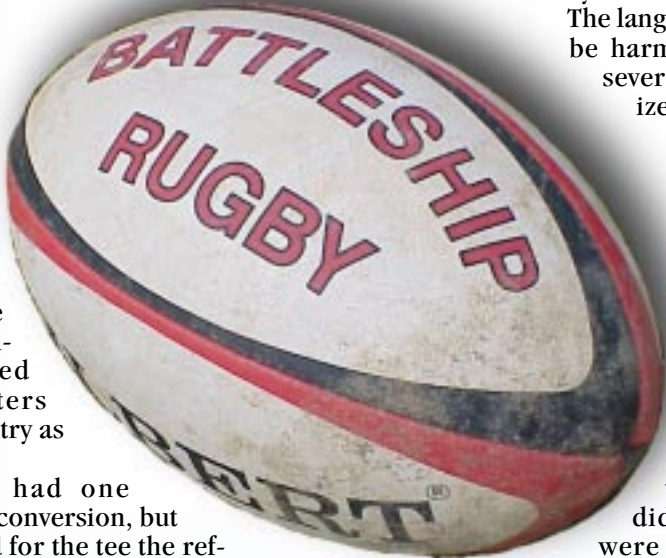


Blain Morgan, Scrum Half, Exiles Rugby Football Club, grabs the ball to begin the scrum during the first half of an Okinawa Rugby Football Union game April 22 in which the Koza club defeated the Exiles 12-10.

said Richard Lundquist, Flanker, Exiles. "If I'd had my full minute I would have made it easily."

The language barrier proved to be harmful for the Exiles as several players were penalized, but did not understand the calls of the Japanese referees, who could not speak English.

"The second-half penalties killed us," Morgan said. "Some of the calls we didn't understand, and we continued to get penalized for them because we didn't know what they were calling. It also hurt that we didn't have the advantage in explaining to the referees what the situation was, so the referees only heard the other team's complaints."



Richard Lundquist, Flanker, Exiles Rugby Football Club, sustained a minor injury to his right leg during Koza's second try. Koza converted its kick for a narrow victory over the Exiles 12-10.

With the last-minute try, the Exiles were satisfied with the comeback, even though they fell short of victory.

"We played awesome today," Morgan said. "They are just a great team and came out on top."

Tiny feet of peewee league get big kick out of soccer

Soccer league teaches children basics of game

LCPL KEITH R. MEIKLE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Soccer moms and dads smile at the sight of their tiny soccer stars chasing the ball on a Saturday morning.

"We love watching her expressions and being able to tell that she is having the time of her life out there," said Sean Crowley, whose daughter, Lauren, 5, plays for the Red Rockets. "We got her involved in soccer so she could have fun with her friends and meet new ones."

The Peewee Soccer League has special rules for the little kickers.

"We don't have winners and losers here," said Tim Tennant, Assistant Youth Sports Coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services. "We don't keep score or maintain statistics. We just make sure the children learn and have fun."

The league is modified in several ways to accommodate the young soccer stars. They use a smaller ball, play on a field half the size of a regulation field, and only play eight-minute quarters. Also, referees can pause the game to give teaching tips.

The teaching tips are used for safety and to teach the kids about the fundamentals of soccer, according to Tennant.

"We try to teach our kids the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship."

Scoring is a big part of the game that many children enjoy.

"Soccer is my favorite sport," said Jacob Myers, 6, Red Rockets. "I like scoring goals for my team."

"For my team" is something coaches love to hear from their players at this level. "We try to teach our kids the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship," said Jerry G. Howard, Coach, Red Rockets. "Teamwork is a product of that and a large benefit for them."

To help the children learn and have fun in soccer, the youth staff is very en-

couraging.

"Since our goal is for the kids to have fun, we encourage them and are quick to congratulate them for good plays," Tennant said. "When they do something wrong, we stop the play and teach the children the correct fundamentals of the game."

The peewee league has benefits, according to one parent.

"Playing soccer has improved (Lauren's) social skills and given her more confidence," Crowley said. "She has made more friends and is more outgoing now too."

The season began in late March and will end June 16.

Rain or shine, the peewee league will continue brightening the faces of soccer moms and dads.



Jillian and James Crabtree, both military family members, feed peanuts to Sacred Ibises at the NEO Park in Nago.

NEO Park: *Zoo-like adventure*

LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

NAGO CITY — Paved trails weave through the thickly wooded park, leading to places like African Savanna, Amazon Jungle, and Llama Hill. It is far from the normal concrete and steel-caged zoos found in most cities.

The Natures Environmental Oasis Park, also known as NEO Park, is a place like no other. It is a place where visitors can feed and pet the animals in a lush tropical atmosphere.

"It's a place where you're not just seeing them in a natural habitat, but you're with them in their natural habitat," said LCpl Jason A. Thompson, Intelligence Analyst, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron-152, Marine Aircraft Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Throughout Neo Park there are numerous opportunities to join several different types of animals in their surroundings. At Flamingo Lake, visitors can walk side-by-side with Flamingos, South African Crowned Cranes and Sacred Ibises and feed them out of the palm of their hand.

At Anicom Plaza, there are ponies to ride, bunnies to pet and goats to feed. Around Lemur Island, visitors can take a paddle ride in a swan shaped paddleboat. Some visitors even get a chance to feed the awaiting lemurs from their boat.

As visitors make their way through the park, they will find different animals from South America, Australia and India.

The park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children under 3 enter the park for free. Children 4-12 pay ¥200. Students from 13-18 pay ¥300. Adults pay ¥600. A 10 percent discount is offered to groups of 15 or more.

To get to NEO Park, take the Expressway to exit 10. Follow Highway 58 through Nago City and past Nago City Hall. Farther up Highway 58 will be a MOS Burger on the left. Take the next left at the following light. For more information call NEO Park Okinawa at 0980-52-6348 or fax at 0980-52-6329.



A common squirrel monkey comes up to the fence as visitors of the NEO Park watch him play in his cage. NEO Park is home to many different animals from around the globe.



LCpl Jason A. Thompson, Intelligence Analyst, VMGR-152, MAG-36, 1st MAW, looks at Tambaqui fish native to the Amazon River at the NEO Park in Nago.



AUTOMOBILES/MOTORCYCLES

1993 Mazda Presso — JCI Feb 02, \$2,500 OBO. 637-3309.
1991 Nissan Bluebird — JCI Feb 03, \$1,800. **1989 Nissan Skyline** — JCI Mar 03, \$1,900. Marty, 622-6384 or 622-9244.
1987 Toyota Town Ace — JCI Nov 02, \$1,000. 646-6450.
1986 Toyota Lite Ace — JCI Nov 01, \$1,100 OBO. **1989 Honda Integra** — JCI Jul 02, \$1,600. 646-6001.
1993 Ford Van — JCI Jul 02, \$3,400. Jane, 972-6067.
1990 Toyota Carib — JCI Feb 03, \$2,200 OBO. 622-8388.
1986 Toyota Town Ace — JCI Oct 01, \$600 OBO. 645-2293.
1989 Toyota Town Ace — JCI Aug 02, \$1,800. **1985 Toyota Carib** — JCI Jan 03, \$1,000. Jenn or Rob, 633-8258.
1989 Toyota Trueno — JCI May 02, \$1,200. Jon, 636-4544.
1992 Nissan Silvia — JCI Aug 02, \$176 per month. 623-6094.
1990 Toyota — JCI Oct 2002, \$750. **1989 Mitsubishi** — JCI Feb 02, \$750. 645-5295.
1990 Honda Integra — JCI Feb 03, \$1,900. 622-5304.
1989 Toyota Lite Ace — JCI Sep 02, \$2,500 OBO. **1989 Nissan Bluebird** — JCI Feb 02, \$1,200 OBO. 633-1725.
1983 Nissan Vanette — JCI Apr 02, \$500. 622-8668.
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1991 Toyota Vista — JCI Aug 02, \$2,200 OBO. Doug, 646-4176.
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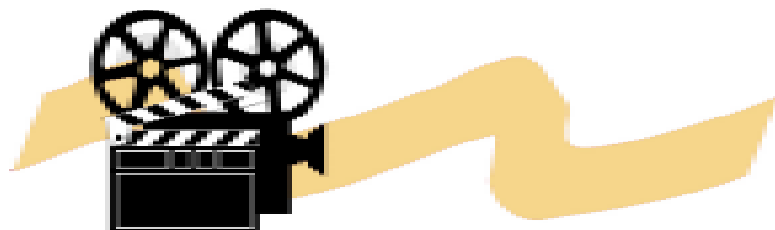


MISCELLANEOUS

Misc. — Entertainment center, \$75; 25" TV, \$75; Beautyrest queen mattress/box spring, \$500; drapes, \$35/\$75. 633-1725.
Misc. — 22" Weber barbecue with cover, \$20. 622-8388.
Digital Camera — New RCA CDS4100 with manuals and software, \$200. 637-3309.
Misc. — 17" triple chrome rims with new tires, \$1600; Kenwood 600 watt 2 channel amp, \$200; Sony 600 watt 4 channel amp, \$200; 1 Farad digital voltage display capacitor, \$150; JVC adjustable crossover, \$80; Kenwood adjustable Eq/crossover, \$110; 1 white and chrome steering wheel. 637-4097 or 090-9785-5108.
Carpet — Country blue, excellent condition, \$70. 632-3577.
Misc. — Two 1-year-old Whirlpool dehumidifiers, \$100 each or \$175 for both. 622-6451 after 5 p.m.
Misc. — Daybed comforter set, \$50. 622-8412.
Misc. — Black velvet gown, \$40; new corduroy jumper \$15; gray cotton gymsuit, \$5; new male Okuma golf shirt \$15/ea; one men's blue jeans, \$6; women's white ballcap \$0.70; three brass/clay plant pots, \$3/ea. 622-8412.
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Fri Sweet November (PG13); 7:00
Sat Monkeybone (PG13); 6:00
Sat Saving Silverman (PG13); 6:00
Sun Monkeybone (PG13); 3:00
Sun Saving Silverman (PG13); 6:00
Mon Driven (PG13); 7:00
Tue Driven (PG13); 7:00
Wed Closed
Thu Sugar and Spice (PG13); 7:00

Hansen

(623-4564)

Fri Along Came a Spider (R); 6:00, 9:00

Sat

Along Came a Spider (R); 6:00, 9:00

Sun

The Gift (R); 2:00, 5:30

Mon

Traffic (R); 7:00

Tue

Traffic (R); 7:00

Wed

3,000 Miles to Graceland (PG13); 7:00

Thu

3,000 Miles to Graceland (PG13); 7:00

Courtney

(622-9616)

Fri Driven (PG13); 7:00
Sat Saving Silverman (PG13); 7:00
Sun Sweet November (PG13); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Closed
Wed Monkeybone (PG13); 7:00
Thu Closed

Keystone

(634-1869)

Fri Monkeybone (PG13); 6:30
Fri Exit Wounds (R); 9:30
Sat Recess: School's Out (G); 1:00
Sat Driven (PG13); 5:30
Sat Traffic (R); 9:00
Sun Recess: School's Out (G); 1:00
Sun Driven (PG13); 5:30
Sun Traffic (R); 9:00
Mon Traffic (R); 7:00
Tue Traffic (R); 7:00
Wed Closed
Thu Closed

Butler

(645-3465)

Fri Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (PG); 7:00, 10:00

Sat

Recess: School's Out (G); 1:00, 4:00

Sat

Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (PG); 7:00, 10:00

Sun

Recess: School's Out (G); 1:00, 4:00

Sun

Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (PG); 7:00, 10:00

Mon

3,000 Miles to Graceland (PG13); 7:00

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Driven (PG13); 7:00

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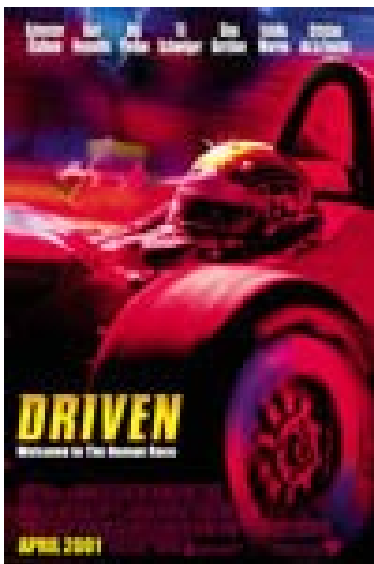
(636-3890)

Fri Vertical Limit (PG13); 7:30
Sat Monkeybone (PG13); 6:00
Sun Saving Silverman (PG13); 6:00
Mon Along Came a Spider (R); 7:30
Tue Closed
Wed Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (PG); 7:30
Thu Closed

Kinser

(637-2177)

Fri Monkeybone (PG13); 7:00
Sat Recess: School's Out (PG13); 3:00
Sat Traffic (R); 7:00, 11:30
Sun 3,000 Miles to Graceland (PG13); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Recess: School's Out (PG13); 7:00
Wed Driven (PG); 7:00
Thu 3,000 Miles to Graceland (PG13); 7:00



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